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### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

Methods of increasing the throughput of recovery boilers equipped with at least two levels of injection of air are presented, the methods improving the thermal efficiency of the boiler with oxygen enrichment of the air in at least one level of the combustion air system, at or above the secondary air level. One embodiment is a method to retrofit black liquor recovery boilers having a two level air injection system with a third level of oxidant injection below or at the same level as the original secondary air, and oxygen enrichment applied to at least the original secondary air stream and said third level. A preferred method is for the third level to be placed at or close to the same level as black liquor injector ports.

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